

1a Class of 2010 – our chapter summaries of Juno of Taris by Fleur Beale

Chapter One – Another Bright Idea

- Juno decides to swim to the walls of her island to pick up a hint of 'Outside'.
- I felt that this chapter was not as significant as the rest of the chapters.

Chapter Two – Discovered

- Hilto ran into Juno who said she was 'practising her swimming'. She said that she wanted to beat Marba in the swimming races.
- Marba left his family and sprinted to catch up with Juno. He said "I hear you're going to beat me in the swimming races."
- Justa's learning stratum had to do gardening jobs in the orchard. This is where they had the freedom to gossip and ask the questions forbidden on Taris.

Chapter Three – The Meeting

- Juno tried to experiment with a recipe which is against Tarian law. She is made to recite the reason by her father.
- Juno and her family go to the arena where the whole of Taris so to have weekly meetings.
- As Juno sits down she hears Hilto's words "*That girl is dangerous. I'll have to...*" in her mind. This is all part of Marba's experiment.
- Irian chooses death because he says his time has come. Everyone thanks him and speaks of their memories.
- Since Irian chose death, there is room for a new child to be born. Juno desperately wants a sister.
- I think this chapter is significant because it has the first meeting in the book and it explains what the meetings are for as well as Irian choosing to die.

Chapter Four – Baby News

- Juno's parents put their names forward to be able to have the next baby.
- Juno thinks it's her fault that her parents weren't allowed to have a baby earlier, so she lets Nixie shave her head and she doesn't make a fuss.
- Juno reads her grandparents' book. She overhears them talking about not wanting illiterate grandchildren and that Juno can guard herself.
- Juno's parents get permission to have the next baby from an 'Outside' donor.
- I think this is a significant chapter because Juno hears that her grandparents have not told her everything and her baby sister's existence was finalised as she has a lot to do with the story.

Chapter Five – Written Words

- Juno gets an idea of who she would like for Hera's parents. This later influences her decision to change the gene selector for her sister.
- Juno's peers find out that Juno's family has been picked to have a 2nd child and everybody congratulates her.
- Juno had a hangover. She hoped to get out of her swimming lesson but Grif insisted it would do her good.
- This chapter was semi-significant because it shows Hera's birth choice and parents.

Chapter Six – The Choosing

- Juno goes to the Gene Centre with her parents.
- While her parents are keying in her new baby sister's characteristics, an earthquake happens.
- Everyone flees the building, besides Juno.
- Juno takes control and changes her sister's parentage.

Chapter Seven – Race Day

- Juno feels relieved that she has not ruined her parents' chances of having another child with her meddling.
- There is a big swim race and Juno's stratum is last because there is a lot of attention to her race after her saying to Hilto that she wanted to beat Marba. Many people place bets on who may win. Juno wins against Marba although Silvern wins overall. Hilto seems disgruntled about something as he presents the award to Silvern. As people start walking away Fisa announces that Hilto wanted to make a special presentation to the loser. Hilto tries to say he has forgotten it, but Fisa says she saw it and he presents Biddo with a basket of white roses – Tavis death flowers. People then start asking questions about Hilto's behaviour.

Chapter Eight – Birthdays

- Marba made Hilto's odd behaviour the focus of the stratum's thinking and they all agree to protect Juno.
- Juno and Marba had their combined birthday.
- Juno's grandparents told her of the change that was coming and she told them about Hilto. They promised to protect her as well.
- Juno gets writing lessons and we learn she can read.

Chapter Nine – A Wedding

- Creen and Kalta are getting married.
- Creen and Kalta are to have Irian's house.
- Woon dies in her sleep so another baby can be born.
- Lerick and Mersat get permission to have the baby. She will be coming from 'Outside' stock.
- Jov and Sina are promised the next baby.

Chapter Ten – Dangerous Talk

- It is Friday – another shaving day.
- Juno's mother is having contractions.
- Vima and Creen look after Juno.
- Creen withdraws from Juno and Vima.
- Sheen's labour might be long.

Chapter Eleven – Waiting

- Creen and Vima are looking after Juno as they all wait for her baby sister to be born. Vima reveals her true beliefs to Creen.
- Vima shows Juno the transponder that she found in the storeroom at the Techno centre.
- Juno accidentally reveals that she can read, but Vima swears not to tell anyone. They look up 'Juno' in the encyclopaedia and discover the name 'Hera'.
- Vima reveals that she and Jov like each other, outraging Creen.
- Significance: Creen and Vima's little clashes don't really lead to anything, although Vima and Jov eventually have to pay the consequences for their affair.
- Juno's baby sister is called Hera! Juno suggests it to her parents after discovering it in the encyclopaedia with Vima.
- Vima asks Juno to teach her to read and they begin communicating with each other using mobile phones.

Chapter Twelve – My Sister

- Juno hears her dad come into the house shouting. He sounded happy and exclaimed "You've got a sister! A tiny, dark haired sister!"
- Juno suggests Hera as a name.
- Juno starts to teach Vima how to read.
- Juno asks Vima if she still loves Jov. Vima doesn't reply.

- I think this chapter has a fair bit of significance as this is where Hera is born and Vima starts to learn how to read. The topic of Jov and Vima also comes up. All these things have significance later in the book.

Chapter Thirteen – Birthdays and Hormones

- In this chapter, Vima looks after Hera and is not talking with Juno for a while. Vima ends up telling Juno that she kissed Jov and is in love with him, but they can't be together because he is in another Stratum.
- One day, Vima, Juno and Hera go to Clowns Bay for a swim and they end up gossiping. Vima tells Juno that she found something interesting, which ends up being a cell phone, one of many at that. They still work and Vima lets Juno keep it so they can stay in touch.
- Juno has her 13th birthday and they all go to a swimming hole. Juno explains to Vima that she is nervous about the change she made to Hera's DNA and that she is going to tell her parents, but Vima changes her mind.
- I felt this was significant to the story because Vima and Juno are rebelling against the G.C's and are doing their own thing, which shows that a minority of people are starting to question some of the laws on Tavis. Also, Juno is confiding with another person, Vima, who shares the same feelings about Tavis as Juno.

Chapter Fourteen – Pushing Boundaries

- Vima starts working on the GC computers.
- Vima announces she will grow her hair.
- She is denied permission but states she will grow her hair anyway.
- This chapter is significant because when Vima announced she was going to grow her hair this started "the end of the golden age" and the beginning of the questions about Tavian history and traditions.

Chapter Fifteen – Action and Reaction

- Justa forbids Juno's learning stratum to speak of hair.
- Danyat and Leebat tell Juno's parents to trust Juno.
- Vima finds out there are written records on the governance computers, so realises that the GC's can read.
- Vima finds the report on Juno's Aunt Oran.
- Significance: this chapter is significant because when Justa forbids them to speak of hair, it brings in the whole "control the communication, control the people" idea.
- Also, when Vima finds out how the GC's can read and finds the file on Oran, they begin to question exactly how corrupt the GC's are.

Chapter Sixteen – Gathering Courage

- The chapter begins with the Tarians watching a documentary about lions and zebras, as the GC's don't want to remind anyone of hair after Vima's rebellion.
- Juno and Silvern talk to their learning stratum about hair and they all decide to grow it as they don't want Vima to be alone. They want to know why they weren't allowed it in the first place. Vima says how horrid it is to have everyone withdrawing from her all the time, and says it isn't worth it sometimes. Hilto comes in and yells at them to make sure they obey the rules of Taris.
- Vima does some research on Nixie, and they learn that Taris might not be 200 years old, and Nixie might've had hair when he was a kid.
- Fisa doesn't bring up hair at all in the meetings as she doesn't want to bring attention to it.
- By the end of the chapter they are both certain they will grow their hair, and are proud of it.

Chapter Seventeen – Our Hair

- Vima decides to grow her hair.
- Juno and the rest of her classmates decide to follow suit.
- Her dad thinks it's madness and Juno thinks she's split her family up.
- Everyone is ashamed of Juno except her mother and classmates.
- Juno believes that there was more to the whole drama than growing hair.
- This chapter is important because it tells you everything: how Juno and her classmates say that they are going to grow their hair, her dad's disappointment and the fact that he is ashamed of Juno. Juno's mum seems to understand her, but still isn't too sure what to believe. Even though this all happens she still believes she's right and the elders are hiding something from all of them.

Chapter Eighteen – Fallout

- Juno's family are divided because Juno and her learning stratum refused to get their hair cut on shaving day.
- Juno's dad withdraws from the family and leaves the house.
- Juno's learning stratum discusses the consequences of growing their hair and start to doubt whether they should have done it or not.
- This chapter is significant because Juno's dad left the family and it shows separation and different beliefs / ideas about Taris from the new generation. It also shows how Juno's generation is trying to understand more about Taris and Juno's dad's generation doesn't know much.

Chapter Nineteen – Emergency Meeting

- Juno calls an emergency meeting and her grandparents risk death by speaking part of the truth.
- It is shown that the Governance Companions are keeping secrets from the people of Taris.

- It is revealed how long having no hair on Tavis has existed: 32 years instead of 200.
- The people of Tavis are now allowed to grow their hair.
- Significance: because of the meeting, the people of Tavis learn the truth about their history. In learning this, the people become dazed as it is a lot for them to take in. The people of Tavis are now more cautious towards certain members of the governance.

Chapter Twenty – History

- Justa's parents talk to Juno's learning stratum about the history of Tavis.
- Juno's learning stratum learns of the crisis and that it was Fisa who stopped it and saved them.
- The significance of this particular chapter is that we first learn of what exactly happened during the crisis and how Fisa had saved the people of Tavis from killing each other. This chapter leads to the questioning of Tavis's history further.

Chapter Twenty-One – Marriage Questions

- The sensors start malfunctioning. Oban, Majool, Aspa, Jov and Vima try to fix it. Majool finally does. Vima and Juno, as well as Juno's family, think the Governance Companions had control over it the whole time.
- Jov and Sima get permission to have a child with their own genes.
- Juno finds out Silvern and Paz meet secretly halfway between their houses.
- Hera goes missing when she is at the bay with Vima and Juno.

Chapter Twenty-Two – Hera's Escapade

- Vima, Juno and Hera are at the beach. Hera goes missing.
- Juno goes to find her and discovers a secret path.
- Lenna sees Juno wet and bloodied while Vima is seeing what is up the path.
- Juno goes home and makes a deal with Marba to tell him what happens.
- Vima discovers the communication tower.
- This signifies that the GC's have lied to the people and that they could have been communicating with 'Outside'. It also gives Juno another reason to doubt the government and for her and Vima to seek answers.

Chapter Twenty-Three – A Message

- Juno is walking to school with Hera and Jerrin tells Juno that she has been asked to see Heskith. Juno makes plans to meet Vima at Calico Bay.
- She goes to see Heskith who gives her a letter from Irian.

- Juno meets Vima and the others and the letter is read out, revealing what Irian had to do.
- Majool comes and tells them to leave and that recreation time is to be spent with their families from now on.

Chapter Twenty-Four – Hidden History

- Juno's grandparents tell her that Tavis is only 39 years old and she learns about what happened in 'The Crisis'.
- Juno learns that they used to be called by 'Outside' names.
- 32 years ago everyone started rioting over their possessions and Fisa saved them all by burning all her things and cutting off her hair.
- This is significant because it reveals a lot and explains why things are the way they are on Tavis, but it isn't really relevant to the current series of events.

Chapter Twenty-Five – Dark of Night

- Juno gets a text from Vima saying she is hurt on the mountain in the middle of the night.
- Juno searches for Paz and Silvern to help her find Vima and comes across a G.C meeting.
- They find Vima at the top of the mountain. She has been knifed.
- This chapter shows the betrayal and dishonesty the GC's have towards the people of Tavis.

Chapter Twenty-Six – A Reckoning

- The cause of Vima's 'illness' is revealed - it is discovered that she is pregnant as Hera points to her belly and says 'Baby.'
- After seeing Majool's rage, the people of Tavis begin to realise he may not be as trustworthy as they thought.
- Oban: "Lenna says Vima has gone against all our values. But I say this to you: the values we believed in until now are as false as our history." It becomes accepted that things are not as they seem on Tavis and Juno's struggle for freedom progresses.
- Hilto lunges at Juno with a knife and Fisa dives in front of her to save her, taking the blade of his knife in her neck.
- The people of Tavis see that Hilto is not to be trusted and he is imprisoned. Juno is at last safe from him.

Chapter Twenty-Seven – Keeping Going

- Vima goes to the hospital. Juno stays to support but falls asleep. Thankfully Vima survives.

- Majool and Lenna choose death for their sins.
- Vima fully awakens and recalls sending a message asking for help to 'Outside'.

Chapter Twenty-Eight – I Vow to Thee My Country

- It is discovered that Fisa is Juno's biological mother.
- Vima reveals that the biosphere is failing and they have about a month left.
- Hera prophesises that a ship is coming and a few days later, it arrives.